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1. TIME DID NOT PERMIT PURSUIT OF BILATERAL MATTERS COVERED REFTEL IN ONLY MEETING I HAVE HAD TO DATE WITH FONMIN KHADDAM. HE PLANS DEVOTE NEXT MEETING TO THESE SUBJECTS ON HIS RETURN FROM ROMANIA WHERE HE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ON OFFICIAL VISIT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4.

2. WHILE REFTEL IS GENERALLY HELPFUL SUMMARY OF VARIOUS U.S. IDEAS ON BILATERAL COOPERATION, I AM UNHAPPY WITH THIN CONTENTS OF PARA 4A SUMMARIZING OUR PROPOSAL FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE. BELIEVE WE WILL COME ACROSS AS POOR MOUTHING SARG IF I AM AUTHORIZED TALK ONLY IN TERMS OF PRGORAM LISTED THAT PARA.

3. IN MY CONSULTATIONS WITH CU/NEA AND WITH AFME DIRECTOR CRIPPEN, I HEARD OF A WIDE VARIETY OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH SYRIAN CITIZENS MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE. THESE INCLUDED "FARMERS AND WORLD AFFAIRS," LABOR LEADERS, THE CLEVELAND PROGRAM, YOUTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ETC.

4. SHOULD NOT BE BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES TO DEVELOP
PROGRAM OVER COMING MONTHS ON ORDER OF 30 EXCHANGES
WHICH COULD INCLUDE SYRIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS AND OTHER
SPECIFICS LISTED PARA 4A. SO WISH INFORM KHADDAM.

5. ADVISE.
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